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## Sen. Pell Suggests Solons Oversee Activities Of CIA

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WASHINGTON — The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) is constantly under Capitol criticism and among the critics is Sen. Claiborne Pell (D-Rhode Island) who speaks from experience with the agency both as a senator and as a former foreign service officer in eastern Europe.

With many others who want to curb the CIA, Pell favors two main steps: Make the Agency solely an intelligence-gathering outfit; name a special congressional watchdog committee to oversee the CIA.

Today the Rhode Island senator deplored the "CIA's tendency to engage in foreign policy, to create it, to tamper with it, to control it."

A congressional watchdog committee has long been sought by many. Such a proposal, advanced by today's Senate leader, Mike Mansfield, came to a vote in 1956 and was beaten 25 to 59. Those voting for the proposition included Sen. John Fitzgerald Kennedy of Massachusetts.

Sen. Green and Pastors of Rhode Island, Sen. Margaret Smith and Payne of Maine, the present head of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Sen. Fulbright, and the present chairman Democratic Senator Humphrey.

To the repeated assertion that the CIA's activities are too secret to be outlined to congressmen, Senator Pell retorted that members of a small congressional committee "can certainly be trusted with CIA secrets. They are surely as trustworthy as the fairly numerous persons in sundry government positions that presently receive such information."

The Rhode Island senator, emphasizing he believes that many able and brilliant persons work for CIA, listed a few of the good and bad CIA accomplishments, and noted his own disillusioning experience with the agency in connection with the Cuban invasion.

A couple of CIA triumphs include "the tapping of Soviet telephone lines in the Eastern sector of Berlin in 1955" and the 1955 achievement of a "T-2 agent who 'managed to smuggle out the text of Khrushchev's secret speech denouncing the crimes of Josef Stalin before the 20th Congress,'" said Pell.

On the other hand, CIA is responsible for the Cuban debacle and appears to have been "the guilty party in Laos where it engineered the overthrow of the regime the United States was supporting to a couple of misdeeds."

The CIA's sensing and judgment are bad, Pell indicated. This "political naivete" was largely responsible "for the errors of judgment in Latin America and Japan when Vice President Nixon was stoned and Press Secretary Magerty spat upon by hostile crowds). Perhaps this is where a joint congressional committee to watch over the CIA would solve some of the problems," Pell stated.

In December of 1960, a few months before the Cuban invasion, Senator Pell visited Cuba and on his return stated publicly that the Cuban people did not appear dissatisfied with the Castro regime. Moreover, just a few weeks before the invasion, Pell told high CIA officials, he said that any use of force against Cuba would be a failure. Yet the CIA thought the natives would rise in support of an invasion and went ahead with the disastrous adventure.

Summing up regarding CIA operational activities, Pell said that from its intelligence-gathering, Pell judged that the CIA has not balanced the United States' national interest may well have lost more than it has gained.

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